

## Composting Communities

While all Green Event products are biodegradable and compostable, some degrade quicker in municipal compost facilities. There is a growing list of communities offering curbside pickup of “organic green waste”, including yard waste, food scraps and biodegradable products like those offered by Green Event Shop.

The latest survey (December 2007 BioCycle Magazine) showed that municipal composting is now available in 42 U.S. communities, up from 30 a year earlier. Other major cities, such as Portland, Oregon, have said they will move in the near future to municipal composting. Communities that offer green waste bins for municipal composting appears below.

If your community does not appear on the list, there are still environmental benefits from buying Green Event products over traditional disposable food serviceware. Studies show a slight reduction in carbon emissions from manufacturing Green Event products as compared to traditional plastic and paper disposables. And, “purchasing compostable serviceware increases market demand for the products” which lowers prices and sends a “signal to foam-cup manufacturers that sugarcane is here to stay,” according to Julie Muir of the Stanford Recycling Center.

### California

Alameda County cities –

- \* Alameda
- \* Albany
- \* Berkeley
- \* Castro Valley Sanitary District
- \* Dublin
- \* Emeryville
- \* Fremont
- \* Livermore
- \* Newark
- \* Oakland
- \* Pleasanton
- \* San Leandro
- \* Union City

Arvin

McFarland

San Fernando

San Francisco

## **Washington**

King County cities –

- \* Auburn
- \* Bellevue
- \* Bothell
- \* Burien
- \* Carnation
- \* Federal Way
- \* Issaquah
- \* Kirkland
- \* Lake Forest Park
- \* Maple Valley
- \* Newcastle
- \* Redmond
- \* Sammamish
- \* Seattle
- \* Tukwila
- \* Woodinville
- \* Unincorporated King County

## **Michigan**

Mackinac Island Public Works

## **Minnesota**

Hennepin County

(includes Minnetonka,

Orono, Loretto, Wayzata)

Hutchinson

Swift County

Western Lake Superior

Sanitary District

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Sources: BioCycle Magazine, [stopwaste.org](http://stopwaste.org), [recyclefood.com](http://recyclefood.com), individual governments